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This cable responds to request in Ref A. The U.S.-Singapore Regional Emerging Diseases Intervention (REDI) Center is currently coordinating all USG-related avian influenza (AI) activities in Singapore. REDI Center Acting-Director Dr. Richard Krause is working with the academic community in Singapore to encourage AI discussions with regional entities, including the University of Hong Kong. During an April Biosafety/Biosecurity workshop sponsored by the REDI center, Dr. Amar Bhat, Health and Human Services (HHS) Director, Office of Asia and the Pacific, and Dr. Marie Haring Sweeney, Health Attaché, Hanoi, Vietnam, met with senior Ministry of Health officials to discuss Singapore's AI preparedness and regional concerns (Ref B). REDI Center will sponsor a training workshop on epidemiology surveillance at the end of this month which should include discussions on AI.

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